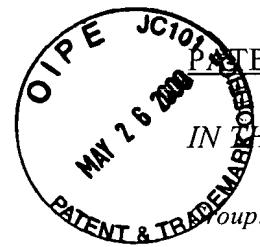


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Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) issued May 10, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed with this reply, Applicants submit herewith an executed DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY -- PATENT APPLICATION.

In connection with the delayed filing of the executed DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY -- PATENT APPLICATION, a check for \$130.00 is enclosed.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this request to Applicants' undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to matter no. 5727-63370. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

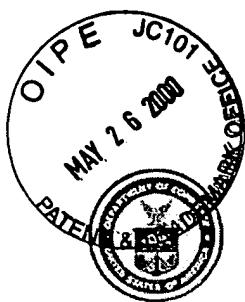


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